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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS
AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN
AMEMBASSY DAKAR
INFO AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS

1. EMBASSY LAGOS MAY PROCEED TO EXCHANGE DIPLOMATIC
NOTES AND SIGN BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT
WITH FMG. TEXT OF US NOTE ALONG LINES OF PARA 2
BELOW IS SUGGESTED. PLEASE FILL IN APPROPRIATE SPACES
IN NOTE TEXT WITH NAMES OF SIGNATORIES ON BEHALF OF
USG AND NIGERIA AND DATE WHEN AGREEMENT IS
SIGNED. IT IS ENVISAGED THAT NOTES ARE TO BE
EXCHANGED AT TIME OF SIGNING.

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2. BEGIN TEXT. I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE
NEGOTIATIONS HELD FROM OCTOBER 31, 1977 TO
NOVEMBER 4, 1977 BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
CONCERNING AIR TRANSPORT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES AND TO PROPOSE, ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT,

THAT THE AGREEMENT ON AIR TRANSPORT SIGNED ON (DATE)
BY (NAME) REPRESENTING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES AND (NAME) REPRESENTING THE (HOST
GOVERNMENT) AND THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING,
INITIALLED BY THE TWO DELEGATIONS ON NOVEMBER 4, 1977

GOVERN THE CONDUCT OF EACH GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO
THE PASSENGER, CARGO, AND MAIL AIR SERVICES OF THE
RESPECTIVE UNITED STATES AND NIGERIAN AIRLINES WHICH
ARE AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES AND DURING THE PERIOD OF EFFECTIVENESS
OF THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT AND THE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING.

IF YOUR GOVERNMENT AGREES TO THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL,
I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR
REPLY TO THAT EFFECT CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH SHALL ENTER INTO EFFECT
ON THE DATE OF YOUR REPLY ATTESTING TO YOUR GOVERNMENT'S
RATIFICATION, AND WHICH SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR
AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME, SUBJECT TO THE
PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE ABOVE AIR TRANSPORT
AGREEMENT.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM. END TEXT.
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3. CERTIFIED COPY OF US NOTE, THE ORIGINAL OF THE
NIGERIAN NOTE AND THE SIGNED COPY OF AGREEMENT
(US ALTERNATE) SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED BY AIRGRAM
TO DEPARTMENT (ATTN:L/T) PURSUANT TO 11 FAM 723.6
AND 11 FAM 723.7.

4. EMBASSIES DAKAR AND ABIDJAN SHOULD DELAY SIGNING
RESPECTIVE AGREEMENTS UNTIL QUESTION OF FRENCH TEXT
IF CLEARED. BOTH SENEGALESE AND IVORIAN DELEGATIONS
INDICATED THAT FINAL FRENCH TEXTS WOULD BE
TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT THROUGH RESPECTIVE US

EMBASSIES PER ABIDJAN 10243 AND ABIDJAN 10381. THE
FRENCH TEXTS INITIALLED IN OCTOBER DID NOT FULLY
REFLECT LAST-MINUTE MODIFICATIONS. THE FINAL FRENCH
TEXTS WERE TO HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THE RESPECTIVE
GOVERNMENTS FOR FORWARDING TO THE DEPT. THE TEXT
TRANSMITTED BY ABIDJAN WAS A DUPLICATE OF THAT WHICH
WAS PREVIOUSLY INITIALLED, AND NOT THE FRENCH TEXT
REQUESTED. IF THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES IN PREPARING
OR OBTAINING FINAL FRENCH TEXTS, DEPARTMENT PROPOSES

TO UNDERTAKE FINAL TRANSLATIONS. DISCUSS WITH
APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND ADVISE DEPT. WHICH COURSE
THEY PREFER.

5. EMBASSY MONROVIA WILL BE ADVISED BY SEPTTEL AS
TO PROPOSALS FOR SIGNING THE US-LIBERIA AGREEMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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